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ONE DAY ONLY!!!!!!

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

For one day only, the Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is providing the public with a rare opportunity to see original Donner Party relics, many not displayed in more than 75 years and others not displayed ever. Among the items are the original hand drawn map of the Donner Party route and travel diaries of the group's originator, James Frasier Reed. Also on display will be relics that have been retrieved from Donner Lake camp site, the 1856 wedding dress of Patty Reed of "Donner Party" fame, and other rare artifacts. The display will be open to the public on Feb. 18 during "Pioneer Demonstration Day." Every month thereafter, the park will rotate pieces of California's history from the Sutter's Fort Archives for display one day a month in the newly opened archive room. This is an opportunity to view many interesting items housed in the room that was once known as "Sacramento's Attic." So come spend the day with the costumed docents of Sutter's Fort and experience 19th century California!

For more information, visit http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=485.

The display will be open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on February 18 at 2701 L Street in Sacramento.

Archive viewing on other days is available by appointment by calling (916) 445-4422.

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